

# CE NEWS

## Alaska State Library Continuing Education Newsletter

### Webinar Picks

- [Public Librarians' Monthly Chat: fun adult programming](#)
- [Driving Community Engagement for Library Makerspaces](#)
- [Playing by the Rules: Creating an Effective Volunteer Handbook](#)

## 2015 Continuing Education (CE) Survey Highlights

Library development staff developed and conducted a statewide CE survey to identify unmet continuing education needs and assist with future programming. The [2015 Continuing Education Survey](#) was available online from August 8<sup>th</sup> thru August 28, 2015. Announcements encouraging librarians to complete the survey were sent to the AkLA listserv and other email lists.

We received 120 survey responses with the vast majority (71.67%) being completed by public librarians. While a little over half of respondents (51.26%) have worked for more than 10 years in libraries, only 38.98% of respondents have a library science degree.

Survey results identify the Alaska State Library (ASL) as a highly preferred content provider with 72.92% of survey respondents having attended one or more ASL sponsored continuing education program within the year.

Respondents overwhelming preferred in-person training options to online training. Preferred training times are Friday and Wednesday morning or Thursday afternoon. Inconvenient training times, staffing needs that preclude attending training and topics not in line with CE needs were the top three barriers to librarians attending CE courses.

Whereas most librarians feel they need to learn more about the topic of Planning & Data Collection. The three topics they want to learn more about are Customer Service and Community Outreach, Leadership and Collection Development.

Library development staff has reviewed the results of this survey and are already working on developing upcoming CE programs and workshops that will meet identified needs.

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Upcoming Events:						
Crafting Your Nonprofit Story in a Digital World						
Thu, Oct 1, 2015 8:30am						
11 1/2 Free Tools for Testing Website Accessibility						
Thu, Oct 1, 2015 10:00am						
Keep Your Connected Nonprofit or Library Secure						
Thu, Oct 1, 2015 10:00am						
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[Library Development Training & Continuing Education Calendar](#)

### Infopeople Courses:

### Going, going, gone!

Seventeen public library directors and library staff from around the State have already taken advantage of the Infopeople CE opportunity.

Have you been wanting to sharpen your professional skills by participating in some of the terrific [Infopeople online training courses](#) but found the \$150.00 out-of-state registration fee beyond your library's budget? If so, you will be happy to learn that the Alaska State Library has purchased a block of forty (40) seats to Infopeople Courses, so you may take these online courses for **FREE!**

These course seats are available to Alaska public library directors and library staff. To request an Infopeople course seat visit the [Professional Development Resources for Public Librarians: Infopeople FY 2016 CE Opportunity](#)

Please note that all of the course seats available to library staff in the Southcentral region have been taken.

**On October 31, 2015 any unused** regional seats will be opened up and made available to public library staff in any region.